

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the action mailed October 1, 2003, is requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 15-18 under U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,986,668 ("Szeliski").

Claims 4 and 19 were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner has allowed claims 5-14 and 20-29.


Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 16-18, and 21-28. Applicant has cancelled claims 4 and 19. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 19. Claims 16-18 and 21-28 have been amended to correct typographical and formal errors and to provide clearer antecedent basis. New claims 30 and 31 have been added to recite matter deleted from their respective independent base claims. No new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1 and 14 as well as claims 2-3, 15-18, and 30-31, which depend from claims 1 and 14 respectively, are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a \$110 check for a one-month extension of time. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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